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GERMANY.

Smallpox in Breslau consular district.

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
Breslau, April 26, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to herewith inform the Department that several cases of black smallpox have occurred in this consular district, and it seems that this contagious disease is spreading all over the Province of Silesia. The officials are doing everything in their power to check the spreading of this dreadful disease; all persons in its immediate neighborhood are compelled to be at once vaccinated by the Government officials, free of charge. This law is strictly enforced.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

C. W. ERDMAN,
United States Consul.

The honorable the ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

JAPAN.

Sanitary report from Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *May 12, 1899.*

SIR: I have to report that, so far as I am informed, the sanitary condition of Japan is satisfactory. With the exception of a few cases of dysentery, of importance only as being almost certainly the forerunners of the usual annual epidemic, no infectious disease of quarantinable nature exists at present in any of the open ports.

As regards Formosa, although I am unable to obtain any recent statistics in the least degree reliable, there is little doubt that plague is more or less prevalent over a wide extent of country, and that smallpox, to a less extent, is also present.

I would again call attention to the apparent success of isolation, followed by such disinfection as can be carried out by the surgeon of the infected vessel, while on the voyage, in arresting the spread of plague on shipboard. Of this, the case of the *Gaelic*, fully reported to by the last mail, is the fifth or sixth example on this coast.

Respectfully, yours,

STUART ELDRIDGE,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine Hospital Service.

MEXICO.

Sanitary reports from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *May 20, 1899.*

SIR: Your cablegram of the 19th received yesterday. In reply to reference to watching passengers and baggage overland, will state that no tickets are sold from here to the States over either railroad. It is absolutely impossible to determine the destination of overland passengers and baggage, as neither are booked farther than the City of Mexico. Had I the authority to examine overland passengers and baggage here, it would be of no benefit, for a passenger could buy a ticket to some near by station, and from there go on to the City of Mexico, or he could go out to the first station and take the train.